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By the present Response and Amendment, Claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended, and claims 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, and 20 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, and 19 remain pending in the application. Applicant respectfully requests further examination of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wang et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0165719) in view of *Nakata* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0120455). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons. Nevertheless, to advance prosecution, Applicant has cancelled claims 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, and 20 and has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 15 and to clarify the claimed invention.

As Applicant has previously discussed, *Wang et al.* discloses a system that allows a user to input information in spoken form into what is otherwise a user interface of a device such as a handheld computing device or a networked client computer. It includes a speech-recognition feature that interprets the speech and returns data to the device that is responsive to the recognized speech. However, *Wang* does not disclose, teach, or suggest that a user interface provides a form having a plurality of pull-down menu fields for user input, wherein upon selection of one field and receipt of a recognized command spoken by the user, the user interface displays a list of recognized input terms in a pull-down menu that are appropriate for input into the selected field, as claimed. Nothing in *Wang* even remotely suggests the use of pull-down menus in such manner. Moreover, nothing in *Wang* discloses, teaches, or suggests that upon receipt of a recognized input term for the selected field, the system automatically selects the next field for user input. Rather, it appears that the user must manually select the next field if so desired.

Nakata fails to cure the deficiencies of *Wang*. Nothing in *Nakata* discloses, teaches, or suggests a form having a plurality of *pull-down* menu fields for user input, wherein upon selection of one field and receipt of a recognized command spoken by the user, the user interface displays a list of recognized input terms in a *pull-down* menu that are appropriate for input into the selected field, as claimed. Nothing in *Nakata* relates to terms in a pull-down menu.

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Moreover, *Nakata* does not disclose, teach, or suggest that upon receipt of a recognized input term for the selected field, the system automatically selects the next field for user input. Rather, it appears that the user must manually select the next item if so desired. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 5, 12, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Wang et al.* in view of *Katsuranis* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0021336). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

A *prima facie* case of obviousness requires, among other things, that all limitations recited in a claim be shown to be present in the prior art. The Examiner does not cite *Katsuranis* as disclosing the limitations discussed above with regard to claims 1, 8, and 15 and claims that depend therefrom. Claims 5, 12, and 19 also depend from claims 1, 8 and 15, and they too include limitations that have not been shown to be present in the prior art. Thus, based upon the discussion above, a *prima facie* case of obviousness cannot stand, and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection as well.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn and full allowance granted. Should there be any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at 770.984.2300.

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